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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Jiping Lu	Art Unit 3749	

.. The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,2,9-13 and 20-23 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 3-8,14-19 and 24 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-2, 9-13, 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hsu (U. S. Pat. 6,241,511).

Hsu shows a lighter comprising a housing 5, an ignition button 84, a safety button 82, a biasing member 826 and a separate actuating member 62 which are arranged same as claimed. The ignition button 84 and safety button 82 are arranged on the opposite sides of the housing.

3. Claims 1, 2, 9-13, 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jon (U. S. Pat. 6,663,383 B2).

Jon shows a lighter 100 comprising a housing 2, an ignition button 8, a safety button 100, a biasing member 200 and an actuating member 6 which are arranged same as claimed. The ignition button 8 (toward left) and safety button 100 (toward right) are arranged on the opposite sides of the housing 2.

4. Claims 1, 2, 9-13, 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (U. S. Pat. 6,722,877 B2).

Patent to Wang et al. shows a lighter 21 comprising a housing 25, an ignition button 35, a safety button 103, a biasing member 95 and an actuating member 91 which are arranged same as claimed. The ignition button 35 (toward bottom) and safety button 103 (toward top) are arranged on the opposite sides of the housing.

5. Claims 1, 2, 9-13, 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Puig-Gros (U. S. Pat. 6,739,867 B2).

Puig-Gros shows a lighter comprising a housing 9, an ignition button 15, a safety button 24, a biasing member 22 and an actuating member 17 which are arranged same as claimed. The ignition button 15 (toward bottom) and safety button 24 (toward top) are arranged on the opposite sides of the housing.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3-7, 8, 14-18, 19, 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

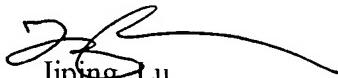
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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jiping Lu whose telephone number is 571 272 4878. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus can be reached on 571 272-4877. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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